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Hello! I am Franklyn, a Freshman currently enrolled in my second semester at the University Of Connecticut at the Storrs campus and I am from Seymour. I have championed UCONN above others colleges (my 1st choice) in the state because of the wonderful atmosphere of school pride and excellence but also its affordability. The latter is increasingly becoming not the case. I am in the Honors Learning Community, involved with Honors Council with the branch of the Environmental Committee and I am a member of Undergraduate Student Government in External Affairs and I also have participated in undergraduate research, collecting a list of all the legislators in the country. I can say confidently that I have loved each one of my classes this year. My professors are engaging and fun but also very knowledgeable and helpful in their field. With the wide range of services the University offers, it's new and newer buildings, distinguished athletics, exceptional faculty, and kind/hardworking maintenance workers and bus drivers I thoroughly believe that state involvement is working. I have met countless kids that have aspirations to be great, from biomedical engineers to turf and field experts. Each individual at UCONN can and will be able to contribute immensely to the economy and workforce. I am studying Political Science and I aim to make a difference and become a leader in the political arena, from small county government to (hopefully) the national/federal. Whatever I may do, I want to be surrounded by people and learn from them but also help them as much as I physically and mentally can. I will most likely travel and explore our world if given the chance (and finances) and I will then stay in the State to perfect my craft. My parents were both born in Cuba, and my father fled facing political oppression and jail time for advocating easier travel for Cuban residents out of the country and my mother who studied computers and programming followed with my brother. Out of all the states in the United States they chose Connecticut for it's beautiful scenery, amazing weather, and wonderful educational schools. They wanted me to have the best affordable education so they raised me in CT and now I understand their vision is in turmoil. Right now, it is difficult for my parents and I to pay for the great academia in Storrs but it is easily seen how much hard work and dedication the University has for its students to excel and prosper. I have always thought CT was one of the best places to raise and educate someone because of its mix of quiet/thriving cities and towns and it's affordable educational institutions. I hope that the University seeks to continue this vision. Thank you